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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: POLADS NOVEMBER 18 DISCUSSION

REFS: A. STATE 272252 DTG 172349Z NOV 75 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 6180 DTG 131720Z NOV 75

C. BERN 4697 DTG 131643Z NOV 75 (NOTAL)

D. USNATO 5346 DTG 011630Z OCT 75

SUMMARY: AT THEIR NOVEMBER 18 MEETING, NATO POLADS DISCUSSED SIZE
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AND FREQUENCYOF ALLIED AS PROPOSED TO WP MANEUVERS. ACTION
REQUEST: SEE END OF THIS MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. NAT POLADS ON NOVERBER 18 CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF HOW TO

DEVELOP DETAILED INFORMATION ON ALLIED MANEUVERS HELD IN 1975 VERSUS PAST YEARS. FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) REPORTED THAT, ON PRELIMINARY BASIS, HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT. PARIS WAS NOT PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO PROMISE A FRENCH NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH A STUDY. BEAUCHATAUD ADDED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES STRESSED THE INADVISABILITY OF SUGGESTING IN ANY WAY TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE ALLIES MIGHT BE PREPARED TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF WESTERN MANEUVERS IN THE CONTEXT OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION.

2. GREEK REP (CORANTIS) ALSO REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOT OPPOSED TO IMS STUDY, BUT FELT THE ALLIES SHOULD ALSO KNOW WHAT THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES ARE DOING WITH RESPECT TO MANEUVERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE RECALLED HAVING SEEN A PRESS REPORT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT THE GDR HAD RECENTLY HELD MANEUVERS AT THE 18,000-19000, MAN LEVEL.

3. RE QUESTION OF DATA ON WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS, IMS REP (COL WOLF-BELGIUM) REMINDED COMMITTEE THAT POLADS HAD ALREADY REQUESTED SUCH INFORMATION FROM IMS (REF D).

4. DISCUSSION TURNED TO POSSIBLE USE OF THE RESULTS OF IMS STUDY OF ALLIED MANEUVERS FOR REFUTING SOVIET ACCUSATIONS OF INCREASES IN NATO MANEUVERS. MAJORITY FELT THERE WAS NO NEED TO ENGAGE IN A DEBATE WITH MOSCOW ON THE SIZE OR FREQUENCY OF ALLIED MANEUVERS, WHILE NETHERLANDS AND LUXWMBOURG REPS THOUGHT ALLIES SHOULD ACTIVELY REFUTE SOVIET CLAIMS IF FACTS SHOWED SOVIET ALLEGATIONS TO BE FALSE.

5. INTERNATIONAL STAFF PROPOSED FOLLOWING DRAFT TEXT OF REQUEST FROM NAC TO MILITARY COMMITTEE REQUESTING THE IMS STUDY ON ALLIED MANUEVERS.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IS INVITED TO PROVIDE, FOR
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THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL, A TABULATED SURVEY CONTAINING THE DESCRITPION AND SIZE OF GROUND AND COMBINED MANEUVERS IN EUROPE(NATO INTEGRATED,MULTI-NATIONAL AND NATIONAL) SURPASSING THE LEVEL OF 10,000 MEN WHICH WERE CARRIED OUT BY ALLIED COUNTRIES IN THE YEARS 1973, 1974 AND 1975.

END TEXT.

6.AT FRENCH INSISTENCE, DRAFT REQUEST TO MILITARYCOMMITTEE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO NAC FOR APPROVAL NOVEMBER 26. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT, IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE PARA 1, REF A, DEPARTMENT WILL NOT OBJECT TO REQUEST. END COMMENT.

7. US REP DREW ON REF C, WITHOUT NAMING SOURCE, TO REPORT
ON WARSAW PACT REACTIONS TO SWISS INVITATION TO OBSERVE
SWISS FALL MANEUVERS.

8. ACTION REQUEST: DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE, IN TIME FOR
NOVEMBER 26 POLADS ON (A) DRAFT REQUEST TO MILITARY COMMITTEE
(PARA 5 ABOVE); AND (B) GREEK REP'S QUESTION RE RECENT GDR
MANEUVERS INVOLVING 18,000-19,000 MEN.

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